have also allow 5 per cent ad hoc increase in the monthly levy allocations of all States/Union Territories from August, 1991 to March, 1992. The population of Gujarat as per census of 1990-91 is 4.12 crores. However, in view of the limited availability of levy sugar, it has not been found possible to update the levy sugar quota based on latest population figures.

Increase in Godowns of Central Warehousing Corporation, Calcutta Region

3379. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of godowns were increased in all Regions of Central Warehousing Corporation except for Calcutta Region;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether any action has been taken against the officials of Calcutta Region for their lapse in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Food distribution by Consumers' Co-operatives

3380. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whethetr any targets for distribution of food annually by consunmers' co-operatives have been fixed for the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether it is also a fact that target fixed for urban areas is much higher than that for the rural areas; and

(c) if so, what are the structural details of the scheme for rural and urban areas and the rationale behind it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (c) Foodgrains (rice and wheat) from the Central Pool are allocated and delivered to the State Governments. These are sold to consumers through Fair Price Shops Licensed by the State Governments. It is for the State Governments to give such licences to either a co-operative or a private person. Sub-allocation of foodgrains meant for the PDS within the districts is also the responsibility of the State Governments.

Export of Sugar by Indian Sugar Industry Export Corporation

3381. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that after decanalisation of sugar export from the State Trading Corporation, a heavy quantity of sugar have been released for export from sugar factories in favour of the Indain Sugar Industry Export Corporation;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the above quantity has been released to benefit the sugar industy;

(c) if so, the details of the quantity of sugar contracted for export, the quantity released from factories and the quantity of sugar shipped upto 30th November, 1991, month-wise; and

(d) whether any proposal has been received from any other party for export; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (c) The Government have notifietd State Trading Corporation of India Limited and Indian Sugar & General Industry Export-Import Corporation Limited (ISGIEICL) as the export agencies under the provisions of the Sugar export Agencies Promotion Act, 1958. The Government have announced the export quota of 5.25 lakh tonnes for the current financial year under the Act for General Currency Area and USA/EEC. Government have also apportioned the same to all the sugar factories by specific orders issued on this behalf. The ISGIEICL is handling that export of sugar to complete the same by 31-3-92. The profit and loss arising out of the export transaction are required to be shared by all the sugar factories in

proportion to their apportioned export quota as per the provisions of the Export Promotion Act, 1958. The details of the quantity of sugar contracted, quantity released and quantity of sugar shipped for export upto 30-11-1991 as reported by ISGIEICL is given in the statement.

(d) The Government have received requests from few parties for permitting them to export sugar. These were not considered because under the prevailing export policy they are not eligible to export sugar.

Statement

(Qty. in MT)

Sl. No.	Month	Quantity contracted	Quantity released	Quantity actually Shipped
1	March, 1991	1,55,208·0	1,89,184·4	22,500·0
2	April, 1991	..	..	47,122·0
3	May, 1991	..	12,641·5	31,086·0
4	June, 1991	500·0	..	34,129·0
5	July, 1991	1,24,500·0	..	500·0
6	August, 1991	500·0	1,02,324·6	18,600·0
7	September, 1991	5,000·0	88,786·7	35,900·0
8	October, 1991	1,30,500·0	9,500·0*	31,725·0
9	November, 1991	98,000·0	18,760·0	30,075·0
		5,14,208·0	4,21,197·2	2,51,637·0

*Includes 9,760·0 tonnes released out of 1991-92 season's production.

Losses to Sugar Mills

3382. KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government attenion has been drawn to the news-item published in the Weekly Mail for the week December 1—7, 1991 under the caption "Sugar Mills to incur huge losses";

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI). (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Central Government has written to the Governments of sugar producing States about the impliactions of high State Advised Cane Prices on the health of the Sugar Industry. The Government have also taken various measures to improve the viability of sugar factories which include continuation of levy freesale ratio at 45:45, grant of incentives by way of higher freesale quota on production achieved during early and late crushing periods, grant of loans from the Sugar Development Fund at concessional rates of interest for cane development schemes as well as for modernisation/rehabilitation.

Stock of Foodgrains with Food Corporation of India

3383. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of stock of foodgrains held by the Food Corporation of India at present;